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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF WJS, INC., INQUIRES ABOUT
LEKUCH VISA PROBLEM WITH SOVIETS

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1. CHRIS STOWELL, PRESIDENT OF WJS, INC., IN BRIEF CON-
VERSATION WITH DEP DIR USCO APRIL 5 INQUIRED ABOUT EMBAS-
SY'S VIEW OF SOVIETS' CONTINUING REFUSAL TO ISSUE
BUSINESS VISA TO ILYA LEKUCH, FIRM'S V.P. FOR USSR.
STOWELL SAID THAT HE RECENTLY HAD BEEN TO MKRTUMOV AT
SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON ABOUT SITUATION
WHICH HAS NOW PERSISTED FOR FIVE MONTHS INVOLVING AT
LEAST FOUR TURN-DOWNS OF SPECIFIC VISA APPLICATIONS.
LEKUCH WAS MOST RECENTLY DENIED VISA TO COME TO MOSCOW
FOR "STANKI II" AT WHICH WJS IS REPRESENTING SEVERAL
U.S. MACHINE TOOL FIRMS.

2. ACCORDING TO STOWELL, MKRTUMOV SAID THAT MATTER WAS
NOT IN HIS HANDS AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING
EXACTLY WHY LEKUCH WAS HAVING PROBLEMS OBTAINING A SOVIET
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VISA. HE VOLUNTEERED SEVERAL SPECULATIVE REASONS FOR
PROBLEM, HOWEVER, NONE OF WHICH REPORTEDLY SPOKE TO
POINT.

3. ASKED WHETHER HE WAS AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITIES LEKUCH
MAY HAVE ENGAGED IN DURING TIMES HE WAS IN USSR WHICH MAY
HAVE RAISED SUSPICION OF SOVIET SECURITY ORGANS, STOWELL

REPLIED THAT LEKUCH HAD BY HIS OWN ACCOUNT BEEN IN RECENT TOUCH WITH SEVERAL JEWISH DISSIDENTS. STOWELL COULD NOT PROVIDE NAMES, DATES NOR SPECIFIC DETAILS OF LEKUCH'S CONTACTS, EXCEPT TO STATE THEY HAD OCCURRED AND, PRESUMABLY, WITH SOME REGULARITY.

4. COMMENT: CLEARLY, IF STOWELL'S INFORMATION ABOUT LEKUCH'S CONTACTS WITH JEWISH DISSIDENTS IS CORRECT, WE MAY HAVE FOUND KEY TO HIS VISA DIFFICULTIES. IN ADVISING LEKUCH, DEPARTMENT SHOULD DISCOURAGE HIM FROM PUSHING MATTER AT THIS TIME; SINCE EVEN IF SOVIETS DID A TURNABOUT AND ALLOWED HIM TO COME IN WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE, GIVEN HIS ALLEGED CONNECTIONS, THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT.

5. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS RE ABOVE, PARTICULARLY IF LEKUCH DECIDES TO PERSIST IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO RETURN TO USSR ON BUSINESS (WHICH HE IS LIKELY TO DO, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND HIS VALUE TO WJS LIES MAINLY IN HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE APPARATUS). TOON

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